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SUBJECT: FY 1973 DEOB PROJECTIONS

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REF: (A) STATE 044455 (C1) (B) SAIGON 4366 (C) SAIGON 4435

(D) SAIGON 4388

1. DEOBS ACTUAL AND ESTIMATED IN (\$000' S):

ACTUAL THRU MARCH 31	\$4,240
ESTIMATED APRIL	1,670
ESTIMATED MAY/ JUNE	1,240
TOTAL SA PROJECT	\$7,150
ESTIMATED CIP (PER REF. C.)	\$8,033
TOTAL THRU JUNE 30	\$15,183

2. REF C REQUESTED AID/ W VERIFICATION ABOVE CIP DEOB ESTIMATE
SINCE AID/ W MAINTAINS OFFICIAL ACCOUNTS. NO WORD TO DATE. ADVISE.

3. REF A ASSIGNED THIS MISSION A DEOB TARGET OF \$19 MILLION--
83 PERCENT OF TOTAL SA DEOB TARGET OF \$23.023 MILLION-- WHEREAS
MISSION SA PROGRAM PLANNING LEVEL CITED SAME REF ONLY \$316.395
MILLION (STEADILY ERODED FROM EARLIER \$340 MILLION) OR ONLY 50
PERCENT OF TOTAL AGENCY SA PROGRAM LEVEL \$627.9 MILLION. DEOB
BURDEN IMPOSED ON THIS MISSION OBVIOUSLY DISPROPORTIONATE.

4. REF A NOTES THAT OVERALL SA PROGRAM WILL HAVE TO BE REDUCED
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TO EXTENT ESTIMATE NOT MET. PARA 1 DEOB PROJECTION FALLS SHORT OF THIS MISSION' S ASSIGNED TARGET BY \$3.8 MILLION (\$19.0 MILLION TARGET MINUS \$15.2 MILLION PROJECTED). NONETHELESS, OUR \$15.2 MILLION DEOB CONTRIBUTION REPRESENTS TWO- THIRDS OF TOTAL SA DEOB TARGET DESPITE FACT WE GET ONLY ONE- HALF TOTAL SA FUNDS.

5. ASSUMING THE VIETNAM PROGRAM LEVEL REDUCED TO \$316.4 MILLION PRIOR TO DEOB ESTIMATE, A \$3.8 MILLION SHORTFALL FROM THE \$19 MILLION TARGET WOULD IMPLY NEW PROGRAM LEVEL OF \$312.6 MILLION. MEANWHILE, UPWARD TREND IN CIP LICENSING AND NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS SUGGESTS MISSION ESTIMATE OF \$310 MILLION LICENSING IN FY 73 (REF D) APPEARS INCREASINGLY LIKELY TO BE ATTAINED, EVEN EXCEEDED. THUS, ON BASIS THESE INDICATIONS, PROSPECT IS FOR A REDUCTION OF THE CIP PIPELINE TO \$40 MILLION OR LESS BY JUNE 30. CONSIDERING DELAYS TO BE EXPECTED IN OBTAINING NEW FY 74 LEGISLATION, THIS WOULD SEEM A DANGEROUSLY LOW LEVEL.

6. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING CONSIDERATIONS, STRONGLY URGE THAT ANY DOWNWARD OYB ADJUSTMENT DUE DEOB TARGET SHORTFALL NOT RPT NOT ENTAIL FURTHER REDUCTION VIETNAM PROGRAM LEVEL.

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